My dear Mr. Chapman,

I learn that your house in Federal Street is closed; and I take this method, in lieu of saying the same in a conversation which I hoped to have with you, to ask you if, amid your multiplied engagements, you will ~~the~~ write for the "Standard" a notice of Mr. Estlin's "Brief Notice of Amn. Slavery, &c. &c." I wish very much that such a notice should appear, and by one who will do justice to the tract, and to the spirit & purpose of the author.

I would have, myself, prepared some sort of a notice of it, but that I thought it better, under the circumstances of my intimate correspondence

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with Mr. Estlin, that some one, less biassed in the case than I suppose I may be, should do it.

I hope therefore that you, who can do it so well, will take it in hand.

I am convinced, too, that it would be more satisfactory to the author if some more prominent and eagle-eyed Abolitionist than I can pretend to be should deal with his work. — I was very glad, for this reason, to see E. Quincy's Notice of it in a late Liberator.

I hope you are enjoying your Summer retreat from the city's noise & care, and, with sincere respect, remain

Yours,

Samuel May Jr.

25 Cornhill —

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